

# 1000 Have Heap Good Time At Heap Big 'Y' Induction

The Torrance YMCA held the largest mass induction of new members in its history Thursday night. More than 1000 Dads and Sons became members of the Torrance YMCA Clubs or Tribes in a colorful ceremony at the Torrance Civic Auditorium.

from Gilbert Anderson, chief of the Kee-Way-Din Longhouse of the Torrance Y-Indian Guides, and from Doug Cannon, YMCA program secretary.

Other highlights of the huge ceremony was the creation of a new longhouse to accommodate the many Y-Indian Guide Tribes here in Torrance. The

new Longhouse will be known as the Showan-da-see Longhouse, and Glen Mosman was installed as "Chief" of more than 20 YMCA Tribes. Several score "Little Braves" also received their graduation diplomas as they left Y-Indian Guides to become members of the older Gra-Y program.

Cannot presided over the first mass Gra-Y Club Induction with six new clubs for boys and their dads, nine to 12 years of age.

**Transition Complete**  
The evening marked the complete transition for the local YMCA to a "Father and Son Program." This radical departure from most youth organizations has been accomplished over the past 18 months because the local "Y" feels that a great deal more can be done working with both dads and sons, and the YMCA in this way provides many opportunities for companionship between father and son.

Joe Wilcox, executive secretary, closed the affair with a prayer of thanksgiving for the many fathers who had demonstrated an active concern for the development of their sons.

**'Kingdom Without End' Named Topic for Sunday**  
The Rev. Truman M. Jolley pastor of First Presbyterian Church, 1842 Gardena Blvd., will preach on "The Kingdom Without End" Sunday at 11 a.m.

Senior choir and boys' chorus, directed by Florence Jolley, will sing "Gesu Bambino" by Pietro Von. Cherub choir will sing "Carol, Children, Carol" and "Away in a Manger."



CHIEFS AND BRAVES... Installation officers at the mass induction of new members into YMCA clubs or tribes last Friday night at the Civic Auditorium pose with their "little braves." Shown are Glen Mosman, Lester Foster, Warren Schenk, Ed Swanson, Gilbert Anderson, George

Guthrie, and Frank Renz. It was the largest such induction in the YMCA's history and marked the transition of the YMCA into a "father and son program."

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## Alondra Park Playground for Kiddies to Open Next Spring

One of the finest children's playgrounds in Los Angeles County is now under construction at Alondra park and will be ready for use next spring according to Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

The new playground area is included in a major improvement program on the Redondo Beach Blvd. side of the park, which also will result in the construction of a new bathroom for the swimming pool, increased parking, landscaping and park lighting.

A large triangular area

southwest of the swimming pool has been designated as the location of the playground area. The sides of the triangle are approximately 300 feet in length.

**Fenced Off**  
Supervisor Hahn said that the play area will be fenced off and paved with premix asphalt which will be covered with a colored mastic compound.

For the safety of children using the swings and other playground equipment, the equipment will be permanently

fixed in place, with sand and tanbark placed underneath. Lawn areas will be planted at a number of locations within the playground.

A large number of items of playground equipment will be installed to provide fun for children of all ages, from tots on up to teenagers, Supervisor Hahn stated.

**Equipment Set**  
This will include two sets each of large swings, small swings, tether ball posts, parallel bars, climbers and specially designed fiberglass bounces. Other equipment will consist of four slides, two merry-go-rounds, three teeter sets and a traveling ring set.

Work on the playground and the general development and improvement of the southern portion of the park, particularly the area south and west of the swimming pool, is being carried out in accordance with Supervisor Hahn's program to develop Alondra Park into one of the County's finest regional recreational areas. This is the third major project to improve the park in the past two years.

Located between Dominguez channel, Prarie Ave., Redondo Beach and Manhattan Beach Blvds. Alondra park serves the people of a large area including Torrance, south Los Angeles, Gardena, Inglewood, Lennox, Hawthorne, Lawndale, Moneta Gardens, Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach and adjacent communities.

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